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1. Talked with Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and he advised that in view of the departure of Loy Henderson for about one month for an overseas tour no action will be taken on the amendments to the Foreign Service Act until his return.

Also sent forward to Westphal an unclassified paper furnishing certain information on individuals as previously requested. (See paper attached.)

2. Sat in for the last portion of the National Security Council appropriation hearings at which [] was the principal witness accompanied by Saunders and []. The hearing proceeded routinely and no questions were asked arising out of the Jackson Subcommittee hearings.

3. Florence Kerlin of State Department called inquiring if we had yet spoken to Senator Javits about the paper which ORR had requested coordination by State. I explained that it had been my understanding that the Department would furnish us with appropriate reasoning why we should talk with Javits on not forwarding the paper to him. Miss Kerlin indicated this had not been her understanding. Nevertheless, I requested we be furnished this since I was reluctant to take action without knowing the matter in more precise detail.

4. Met with Representative Francis Walter indicating the Agency desired his advice and possible assistance concerning the re-entry permit situation. I indicated this was causing a considerable problem with HFE employees and as a result direct costs of over \$60,000 per year were being incurred. He indicated that under the law there were other methods to effect re-entry and I agreed that there were and that these were thoroughly known to those concerned. However, I explained that there was a real problem in the sense that other governments []

[] looked on a re-entry permit as being of far more import than was actually the case. I mentioned that representatives of a labor union had approached [] on this subject. Mr. Walter reacted to this indicating that he did not feel it appropriate to act on behalf of a union where employees were in effect paid from Government funds. I then explained that neither the union nor most of the people involved were aware